GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION OF SPORTS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the performance of the country in any of the games is not up to mark ;

(b) if so, the policy of the Government to promote sports in the country ;

(c) whether the Government have failed to create infrastructure in rural areas to produce good sportsmen;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) the proposals of the Government to promote sports in the rural areas; and

(f) the funds allocated/that remained unspent for the development of sports for the same during the current financial year, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) & (b): Our performance in sports is gradually improving. In certain sports discipline like Billiards, Chess, Tennis (Doubles), Shooting (Rifle), Weightlifting (Women) Indian sportspersons have given World Class performance.However, there exists scope for improvement. For improving the performance of the sportsperson, Government has taken the following steps:

1) Formulated a New National Sports Policy, 2001 giving thrust to braodbasing and excellence in sports;

2) Provides assistance to National Sports Federations for engaging foreign coaches, for competition in India and abroad, purchase of equipments and National Coaching Camps;

3) Provides assistance for foreign training to our promising sportspersons and personnel;

4) Organises Rural Sports programme;

5) Provides grants for creation of Sports Infrastructure;

6) Provides Sports Scholarships to Sportspersons;

7) Provides Incentive to sportspersons;

8) Provides assistance to State /UTs for Inter School Competitions;

9) Provides assistance to Sports Authority of India for National Coaching Schemes and other schemes for scouting talent and training.

(c) to (e): As `sports` is a State Subject, it is primarily the responsibility of the State / UT Governments to create sports facilities at various places including rural areas of the States / UTs. However, in order to supplement their efforts in this direction, Central Government provides central assistance to State Governments/UTs.for creation of sports facilities in urban as well as in rural areas under the schemes of `Grants for creation of sports infrastructure` and `Grants to Rural Schools for Development of Playfield and Purchase of Sports Equipments`

(f) Funds are not allocated State-wise. Financial assistance is provided to various State/ UT Governments on receipt of viable proposals/ requests from them.